

Questions and Answers
Subscription for Online Research
for GSA's Office of Government-wide Policy
RFQ ID14160212

1. Who is the incumbent for this contract?

Response:

West Publishing Corporation (Thomson Reuters)

2. What is the contract number, total contract value, and period of performance for the incumbent contract?

Response:

Task Order GSH0013AA0159 against contract number GS-02F-0450D, period of performance:

Base Year: September (Sept.) 29, 2013 – Sept. 28, 2014

Option Year 1: Sept. 29, 2014 – Sept. 28, 2015

Option Year 2: Sept. 29 2015 – Sept. 28, 2016

Total Contract Value: \$45,445.92

3. How many users presently have subscription access?

Response:

21

4. Does this requirement include OGP's Office of Acquisition, Policy, Integrity and Workforce?

Response:

Yes, although those employees are not the main users. The main users are members of the FAR Staff and the Suspension and Debarment Division.

5. The Statement of Objectives (SOW Section E) indicates that legal, news, and business information research is required. However, the databases listed are all legal databases. Please clarify OGP's requirements

for news and business information, to include a list of specific news and business information databases that offerors must provide to be deemed technically acceptable.

Response:

Section E is hereby revised to delete the requirement for news and business information databases.

6. By a "law library" that includes "federal database" and "state database," does OGP mean that it requires access to federal and state primary law? (i.e., federal and state cases, statutes, and regulations)

Response:

Yes. OGP requires access to federal and state primary law, to include federal and state cases, statutes, and regulations.

7. Does OGP require access to legal treatises? If so, for which areas of law?

Response:

OGP requires legal treatises on contracting. OGP also requires legal journals on contracting, especially the ABA Public Contract Law Journal.

8. Does OGP currently receive Nash & Cibinic, Federal Contracts Reports, and Briefing Papers through its online research subscription?

Response:

Yes

9. We note that several specific Government Contract Newsletters are listed in the SOW: Nash & Cibinic, Federal Contracts Reports, and Briefing Papers. As OGP may be aware, these three titles are proprietary, brand name publications that are only available from two vendors: Westlaw and Bloomberg/BNA. Please confirm that these titles are listed only as examples, and that offerors may propose "or equal" newsletters that OGP will evaluate for technical acceptability.

Response:

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10. For current awareness, does the OGP require full-text access to other (non-government contracts) legal newsletters? And/or, to the New York Times, other newspapers, wire services, broadcast transcripts, etc.?

Response:

In regards to this particular requirement, the OGP does not require full-text access to other (non-government contracts) legal newsletters, or to the New York Times, other newspapers, wire services, broadcast transcripts, etc.

11. Page Limit Extension Request (K. Technical Quote Requirement/Instructions). The solicitation imposes a page limit of 25 pages for the technical quote. The solicitation also indicates that offerors are to provide sufficient information so that “the Government can properly evaluate your ability to provide the subscription and services”. To ensure that offerors are able to provide GSA with sufficient detail, we respectfully request an increase to the allowed page limit.

11A. Would GSA please consider extending the page limit to 30 pages?

Response: Yes. A page limit of 30 pages is acceptable.

11B. Also, can GSA please confirm that the proposal cover page and table of contents do not count against the page limit?

Response:

The proposal cover page and table of contents do not count against the page limit.